IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a telephone call;
identifying a user making the ~~said~~ telephone call;
detecting an online status of at least one member of a group associated with the ~~said~~ user; and
~~sending a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of said at least one member of said group.~~
audibly communicating the status of the at least one member of the group over the telephone call.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving a password of the ~~said~~ user.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
determining the ~~said~~ group of members associated the ~~with~~ said user.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving instructions to detect an online status of the ~~said~~ at least one member of the ~~said~~ group.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a telephone call;
identifying a user making the ~~said~~ telephone call;

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receiving instructions to detect an online status of at least a first member and a second member of a group associated with the ~~said~~ user;

detecting the ~~said~~ first member of the ~~said~~ group is online;

detecting the ~~said~~ second member of the ~~said~~ group is off-line; and

~~sending a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of at least said first and second member of said group.~~

audibly communicating the detected status of the first member and the detected status of the second member over the telephone call.

26.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:

receiving a password of the ~~said~~ user.

27.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:

determining the ~~said~~ group of members associated with the ~~said~~ user;

28.   (Cancelled).

29.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

receiving a telephone call;

identifying a user making the ~~said~~ telephone call;

determining a group of members associated with the ~~said~~ user;

detecting an online status of at least one member of the ~~said~~ group; and

~~sending a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of said at least one member of said group.~~

audibly communicating the status of the at least one member of the group over the telephone call.

30.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 29, further comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

receiving a password of the ~~said~~ user.

31.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 29, further comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

receiving instructions from the ~~said~~ user to detect an online status of the ~~said~~ at least one member of the ~~said~~ group.

32.   (Cancelled).

33.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

detecting an online status of a user;

determining that a first member of a group associated with the user is off-line;

storing a notification message of the ~~said~~ online status of the ~~said~~ user in a storage device;

receiving a telephone call from the ~~said~~ first member; and

~~sending a message within said telephone call, said message comprising said notification message stored in said storage device.~~

audibly communicating the notification message stored in the storage device over the telephone call.

34.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:

determining a user-initiated notification option is enabled.

35.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:

receiving a password of the ~~said~~ first member.

36.   (Cancelled).

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